



MARLWOOD SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2008

Dear Parent/Carer

Ofsted Inspection Report

The school has now received its Ofsted Inspection Report following the inspection on 30th and 31st January.

We are required to send out paper copies of the report to parents and carers within five days of receipt and therefore it is being issued to pupils with this letter before the February break.

The report praises the success of many aspects of the school's work as well as identifying areas for improvement. It praises changes and developments we have introduced over the past eighteen months or so as a result of our own self-evaluation. We are pleased with the inspection team's endorsement of our plans for further improving the school.

The new-style Ofsted reports are much more succinct than before so I have not attempted to summarise key points here.

A new feature of Inspection is that the Lead Inspector produces a letter to pupils after the inspection. This reflects their greater involvement in the process through meetings and discussions with inspectors. The letter to pupils is a good overall summary of the twelve page report, identifying both strengths and areas for development. This letter is printed overleaf and tutors have discussed it with their tutor group in today's tutor time when this newsletter was issued.

The report will help us build on our current work and shape planning for our school's future success.

Year 9 SATs: End of KS3 tests

Pupils in Year 9 will be sitting SATs exams in English, Mathematics and Science between 6th and 9th May, 2008.

In the run up to these exams departments will be preparing pupils in class. Year 9 pupils will also take part in a Learning to Learn Day which will focus on revision strategies for the SATs. Pupils will also be encouraged to use on-line revision sources. For those who may wish to explore e-materials earlier the school subscribes to the following websites:

SAM Learning: www.samlearning.co.uk

Centre ID BS35MS

User ID Date of Birth then 2 initials: first name + surname
eg 021098AB

and LearnPremium: www.learn.co.uk

Username: marlwood

Password: learn

Pupils in Year 9 will also sit school exams in their remaining non SATs subjects. These exams will take place in lesson time between 12th and 16th May 2008.